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In re Application of :
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PCT/JP2004/017164) :
International filing date: November 18, 2004 :
For: AIR CONDITIONER :

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 4-64041 appears to disclose an air conditioner having a plurality of outlets as seen in Figure 1. The PCT search report indicates that page 4, lines 5 to claims 1 and 2 of the international application.

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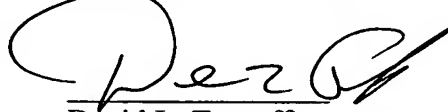
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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